

# Conducting Agility Events During Covid-19 Level 2.

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The following is a list of perceived pressure points, suggested mitigation for clubs running events in Alert Level 2 and advice for competitors.

Nothing produced here is intended to force clubs to hold shows under Level 2 conditions or where they feel uncomfortable doing so and it is important that clubs consider their members who may be at risk. Be kind and understanding and do not expect everyone to be able to assist at shows run under these conditions.

**It is worth noting that these restrictions may impact on club's ability to run the same number of events per weekend as they were pre-Covid, and they should be encouraged to carefully consider this.**

Any updated Government directions and/or advice overrides these Guidelines. Further information can be found at <https://covid19.govt.nz/>

## General Requirements



### Be kind

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Please remember to **Be Positive and Kind** in your interactions with each other.

Competitors are to respect the instructions of clubs and the decisions they make around running shows at this time. The restriction on numbers may mean that clubs are short of helpers and competitors are encouraged to volunteer to help where possible.

Agility events conducted during Covid-19 Alert Level 2 will need to be conducted with strong Health and Safety precautions that abide by government advice and protect the wellbeing of all attendees.



### Scan QR codes and turn on Bluetooth tracing

**QR Codes and a Sign-in Sheet MUST be made available**

**Every individual entering the grounds MUST either scan the code or fill in the sign-in sheet.**

**It is the responsibility of the organising club to ensure that everyone signs in** (this is a legal requirement). The club should have one person allocated to this task for the day. This must be done as people enter the grounds.

To create a QR Code: <https://covid19.govt.nz/business-and-money/businesses/get-your-qr-code-poster/>

Non-QR ways of collecting personal information for contact tracing must be protected and private. You cannot use an open sheet or register left in a public-facing position where personal information is visible to others. The easiest way to enable sign-in for those who cannot use the contact tracing app is a box with individual paper slips or cards for people to fill in the name, date, phone number and time. Printable record keeping slips, box stickers and box templates can be found here <https://covid19.govt.nz/posters/>

Guidance on mandatory record keeping for contact tracing can be found here:

<https://www.privacy.org.nz/publications/guidance-resources/guidance-on-mandatory-record-keeping-for-contact-tracing/> This includes advice on storage and disposal.



Please wear a  
face covering

## IF YOU ARE DISPLAYING ANY SYMPTOMS OF ILLNESS, STAY AT HOME!

Government guidelines are to **wear a mask whenever possible**. At minimum, masks must be worn when you can't maintain a safe distance from other people not in your bubble. Your bubble for the show can include people you are sharing accommodation with.

### Masks must be worn when:

- Course Walking
- Course building
- Attending the Show Manager's briefing
- Call stewarding/visiting the call board
- Lining up for your run if there are other people in close proximity
- Attending prizegiving



Stay home  
if you are sick

Some people have an exemption from wearing a mask -

If you have an exemption, please let the Show Secretary know before the show and provide proof of the exemption.

For the safety and comfort of others, if you can't wear a mask, please try to maintain social distancing from people not in your bubble.

Competitors can carry their mask in their pocket while running.



Please keep  
1 metre apart

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Whenever possible try to keep at least 1 meter apart from others and limit person-to-person contact.

Sanitiser should be available at all rings and at sign-in. Toilets should have good supplies of sanitiser, soap and disposable paper towels. Clear signage relating to hand washing should be visible.

A range of downloadable posters with key messages are available here <https://covid19.govt.nz/posters/> Clubs are encouraged to display these as appropriate.



Wash and sanitise  
hands often

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Show managers are to outline all safety procedures at the start of each day to all people on the grounds.

## **At The Show**

### **Catering**

Catering is discouraged at Level 2 - people should provide their own food (includes judges)

It is possible to have a professional caterer in a truck (The people operating these are not required to be counted in the 100 person limit, however a record of them being on site must be held for contact tracing purposes.)

Clubs should not provide self-service tea and coffee facilities

### **Course Walking**

Masks are required to be worn during course walking

### **At the Ring**

The callboard is to have at least 1m clear space around it – clubs are encouraged to mark this space with spray paint or similar where possible.

The call steward should wear a mask and competitors should wear a mask when approaching the call board and while waiting for their run if there are other people in close proximity.

No more than 1 combination in the holding area at once.

Clubs should provide buckets and lead runners. The lead runner can wear gloves if desired and/or use sanitiser between each competitor.

Competitors should not put their masks in the buckets.

Clubs should provide hand sanitiser and gloves at each ring for lead runners and other workers.

Lead runners must wear masks and should maintain a 2m distance from competitors.

### **Workers**

Pole pickers and course builders can wear gloves if desired to protect hands and should use sanitiser between each requirement for touching the gear.

Masks must be worn while course building.

Wipes should be made available to sanitise scribe tables.

### **Prizegiving**

Everyone attending prizegiving must wear a mask.

Minimum distances should be maintained.

No hand shaking.

Ribbons / Prizes – people involved in handling ribbons/prizes to sanitise prior to handling them. The intention is to limit the number of people touching ribbons, prizes and clear round certificates.

At prizegiving, the same person should put these on a table or similar for place getters to pick up one at a time. A single person should distribute all clear rounds at the end of the show.

Potentially no prizegiving - controlled pickup of prizes

Clubs may wish to order undated ribbons which can be used for a future show in the event of cancellation.

### **Competitor Toy Stalls, Massage Therapists etc.**

This is allowed at shows provided the stall holder is also a competitor and is counted in any limiting numbers. The stall holder must have a QR code for their stall for contact tracing, and all other physical distancing, mask wearing and general covid protocols must be followed.

### **Measuring**

Measuring may be done at shows in accordance with the Agility Committee's Covid-19 Measuring Guidelines and with the permission of the host club.

Those attending measuring at shows must already be included as either entrants or officials.

The host club must provide gloves and hand sanitiser to the measurers.

Measurers may decline to measure dogs at shows.

All measurers and handlers must wear masks. Measurers should wear gloves and sanitise their hands and the measuring stick between dogs.

If measuring is conducted indoors then, if possible, windows should be opened and only one handler at a time is allowed inside. All others must wait outside.

### **Judges**

Some judges may elect not to accept/honour contracts while the country is under Level 2 conditions.

Judges may decline to be billeted under Level 2 – so clubs may need to arrange alternative options.

The AC supports our judges' individual choices at this time.

### **List Of Recommended Supplies for Club:**

- QR Code Posters
- Sign-in sheets
- Handwashing and other Covid-19 information posters
- Sanitiser:
  - At sign in
  - In the toilets
  - At each ring
- Antiseptic wipes at each ring
- Rubber gloves at each ring
- Disposable face masks for helpers
- Soap and paper towels in toilets

## Level 2 Event Limits

Events are limited to 100 people (this limit excludes judges and officials)

Judges and Officials are: Judges, A Show Manager, Ring Managers, Scribes, Show Secretary and Disputes Committee.

The names of these people MUST be printed in the front of champ show catalogues, and must be included in all ribbon trial flyers, for the purposes of record keeping.

### Limiting Entry Numbers

If entry numbers exceed 100 handlers, excluding the named officials, clubs should follow the following protocol to reduce entries:

Clubs should first call for voluntary scratchings. These are to be refunded in full. If forced scratchings are required, the main focus should be to keep in line with the official government guidelines and mantra of 'stay local'. Restrictions should be made by first accepting entries from those who live closest to the event, and widening the radius until the limit is reached. Any entries not accepted are to be refunded in full.

A recalculation of entry numbers for splits, ribbons and challenges etc will be required **after** scratchings (both voluntary and forced) are taken into account.

Levies are not payable on scratchings made to limit entry numbers.

Please note, the AC fully supports any clubs that wish to include judges and officials in their 100 in order to keep numbers small, and this should be accepted by the agility community as well.

### Ribbon Trials

Subject to clubs with traditionally small ribbon trial entries, if it is likely that Ribbon Trial entries will be close to or over 100 people then Ribbon Trials at Alert Level 2 are required to be pre-entered with a firm closing date prior to the event. No entries are to be taken on the day. This is to enable clubs to limit entry numbers to 100 competitors in accordance with Government guidelines. Protocols for limiting entry numbers are as outlined above.

At the discretion of the club, Ribbon Trial entries may be made via an online entry system, the fillable entry form <http://www.dogagility.org.nz/cont/forms.html>, or email, or a combination of these methods.

It is the decision of the host club whether pre-payment of ribbon trial entries is required.

As with Championship shows, the 100 competitors do not include Judges and Officials as detailed above.

These people must be named either on Ribbon Trial flyers, or clubs may publish a catalogue which includes the names of officials on the front page.

Agility Regulation 11.3.9 is suspended with the approval of Executive Council.

For clubs with traditionally small Ribbon Trial entries, pre-entry is not required, but is encouraged as a further method of contact tracing. It is recommended that if entries are usually over 70 handlers then pre-entry should be used as clubs are experiencing higher than usual entry numbers at the present time.

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